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In re Application of  
Aronson, et al.  
Application No. 10/614,125  
Filed: July 8, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. 116439

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the "PETITION FOR FILING DATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)", filed December 9, 2004, which is being treated as a petition to accord the above-identified application a filing date of July 8, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

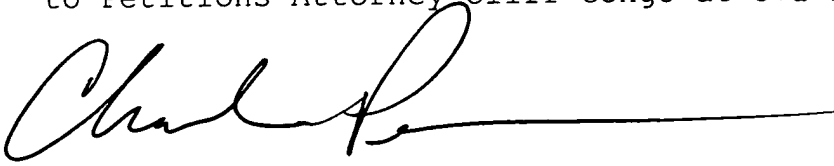
Application papers in the above-identified application were filed on July 8, 2003. On January 20, 2004, applicants filed an English language translation of the specification, together with the \$130 surcharge for a non-English specification. At that time the application was erroneously accorded a filing date of January 20, 2004.

A review of the application file reveals that the application was entitled to a filing date (i.e. contained a specification, claims, and drawings) on July 8, 2003.

Given the basis for granting the petition, no petition fee was required, and none has been charged.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for further processing with a filing date of July 8, 2003, using the application papers received in the Office on that date, and for issuance of a new filing receipt. Thereafter the application will be forwarded to Group Art Unit 2851 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at 571-272-3207.

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Charles Pearson  
Director  
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